

HOUSE BILL No. 1132

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-28-16; IC 6-1.1-10-47.

Synopsis: Nanotechnology incentives. Allows the award of grants or loans from the twenty-first century research and technology fund to support proposals for economic development in nanotechnology. Provides a personal property tax exemption for certain nanotechnology equipment.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning economic development.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-28-16-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2016]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "nanotechnology" means**
4 **the sciences and technologies that:**

5 **(1) enable understanding, measuring, manipulating, and**
6 **manufacturing at the atomic, molecular, and supramolecular**
7 **levels; and**

8 **(2) are aimed at creating materials, devices, and systems with**
9 **fundamentally new molecular organization, properties, and**
10 **functions.**

11 SECTION 2. IC 5-28-16-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2015,
12 SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana twenty-first century research
14 and technology fund is established within the state treasury to provide
15 grants or loans to support proposals for economic development in one
16 (1) or more of the following areas:

17 (1) To increase the capacity of Indiana postsecondary educational



institutions, Indiana businesses, and Indiana nonprofit corporations and organizations to compete successfully for federal or private research and development funding.

(2) To stimulate the transfer of research and technology into marketable products.

(3) To assist with diversifying Indiana's economy by focusing investment in biomedical research and biotechnology, information technology, **nanotechnology**, development of alternative fuel technologies, development and production of fuel efficient vehicles, and other high technology industry clusters requiring high skill, high wage employees.

(4) To encourage an environment of innovation and cooperation among universities and businesses to promote research activity.

(b) The fund consists of:

(1) appropriations from the general assembly;

(2) proceeds of bonds issued by the Indiana finance authority under IC 4-4-11.4 for deposit in the fund; and

(3) loan repayments.

(c) The corporation shall administer the fund. The following may be paid from money in the fund:

(1) Expenses of administering the fund.

(2) Nonrecurring administrative expenses incurred to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(d) Earnings from loans made under this chapter shall be deposited in the fund.

(e) The budget committee shall review programs and initiatives and corresponding investment policies established by the board. The corporation shall report semiannually to the budget committee on activity within the fund. The budget agency shall review each recommendation to verify and approve available funding and compliance with the established investment policy. Money in the fund may not be used to provide a recurring source of revenue for the normal operating expenditures of any project.

(f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the state general fund.

(g) The money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains in the fund.

SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-10-47 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 47. (a) As used in this section, "nanotechnology"**



1 means the sciences and technologies that:

2 (1) enable understanding, measuring, manipulating, and
3 manufacturing at the atomic, molecular, and supramolecular
4 levels; and

5 (2) are aimed at creating materials, devices, and systems with
6 fundamentally new molecular organization, properties, and
7 functions.

8 (b) Nanotechnology equipment is exempt from property
9 taxation if the equipment is:

10 (1) directly related to nanotechnology research; or

11 (2) primarily used in a project, program, or business based on
12 nanotechnology.

13 (c) An owner of nanotechnology equipment who wishes to obtain
14 the exemption provided in subsection (b) must claim the exemption
15 on the owner's annual personal property return. On the return, the
16 owner must describe the property and state the assessed value of
17 the property for which the exemption is claimed.

18 (d) The township or county assessor shall:

19 (1) review the exemption claim; and

20 (2) allow or deny the exemption claim in whole or in part.

21 In making the decision on an exemption claim under this
22 subsection, the township or county assessor shall consider the
23 requirements stated in subsection (b).

24 (e) A township or county assessor who allows an exemption
25 claim under this section shall reduce the assessed value of the
26 personal property that is subject to the exemption for the year for
27 which the exemption is claimed by the amount of the exemption
28 allowed.

